

paranoid about being ignored by the Eastern media, but being maligned is even worse. In Sparky and Whitey, we faced two managers better at managing the media than players. At least Sparky showed some class in losing. Whitey lost the respect of even the Cardinal fans here in town. As Gary Gaetti said, "If we shame the American League by being here, we may as well win it all and disgrace the major leagues." Or something like that.

Circumstances may be good for the Twins to keep doing well. Their one weakness is starting pitching beyond Viola and Blyleven. Their starting lineup in the field is as strong as any, and I wouldn't give any of them up for any starter (not even Brunansky, who I wasn't that high on until this year). But if free agents start moving again this winter, the Twins may be able to buy starters without giving up anyone. Thanks to record attendance, they have about \$6 million more to spend this year than last. Jack Morris was a bad deal last winter for \$2 million. This winter he'd be a steal.

We watched Game 7 at a local sports bar. We were sober when the Cards took the early lead, but watched numbly as the Twins went ahead. We've seen so many teams choke in the clutch that we almost expected it again. We took a couple laps downtown after the game, whooping it up. But we weren't with the 60,000 at the dome after winning the playoffs or the 1,000,000 at the victory parade. We appreciate good baseball, but don't worship the players. But we will be there next April, on opening day as they are first introduced as "Your World Champion Minnesota Twins." That has a nice ring to it.

OTHER COMMENTS ON THE SERIES

NOEL BLYTHE: How 'bout the Series? Sorry, but the Cards will win. Twins pitching is too iffy.

JEFF ALBRECHT: One thing you didn't mention is that the last time the Twins played the Tigers during the regular season, the Tigers swept the Twins. I didn't really give the Twinkies a snowball's chance in hell of winning the A.L. playoffs; but, they have even confounded Sparky. Hopefully, they'll be able to hold it all together for 11 or fewer games.

DALE BAKKEN: Congratulations in living in a city with real honest-to-goodness World Series Champions!! Ya lucky bum... Frank Viola MVP!? What about Dan Gladden? Who'da you'da pick? ((If they went by who was crucial for winning the 7th game, Frankie was the man. No one here complained. Dale also called us during in the 8th inning of the first game of the playoffs to wish us luck. Unfortunately, during his call the Tigers took the lead, but the Twins did go ahead after he hung up.))

MARC PETERS: How 'bout them Twins?!? They've got to be one of the worst teams ever to win the Series, but that doesn't matter, fortunately. As with everything else in our Great Society, only the End Result matters. Everyone down here was pulling for them, except some Cub fans whu feel a (misguided) loyalty to the NL. I thought it was hilarious the way Herzog, after bitching how the Series should be played on consecutive days, was hurting just as bad for a pitcher come Game 7. The White Rat really didn't show any class until after the Series was over, when he chose to refrain from commenting on the horrible umpiring in Game 7. Good thing Puckett came through in the last two games or he would have won the Big Bust trophy hands down. The City must still be walking on air, eh? Well, live it up, World Series appearances just don't come around that often. Believe me, the Brew Crew fans know!

((Hey, the Brewers are coming back. Maybe we'll see that Milwaukee/Minnesota A.L. playoff yet! A couple of notes: my mother had her picture of the home town newspaper with a World Series shirt we bought her. And a McDonald's manager from Montreal called Frauke to have a sweatshirt and a Homer Hanky mailed to him. St. Louis native Thomas Englehardt told us after the Series that he was tempted bet with us on it, but was glad he didn't.

(I forgot to mention it last issue, but we were pleased to have Marc and Debi Peters visit us over Labor Day to see the Brewers play at the Dome. We actually spent most of the time playing Empire Builder. It was our first time, and we loved it. (But does anyone know where to get little trains

to use as game pieces to replace the ugly plastic markers?) The Dome was sold out with equal numbers of Brewer and Twin fans, there was noise almost all the time. We all had a good time even if the Twins won.

((Local company General Mills has printed limited edition Wheaties boxes with the Twins on them, the first time a whole team has been so honored. They were sold only in the Upper Midwest, and sold out in a week.

((One thing about the Twins fans; they cover a wide area. They cover all of Minnesota, the Dakotas, Iowa, Montana, and part of Wisconsin. They are similar to the Cardinals and the Royals in that respect. For weekend games there'll be buses from hundreds of miles away, full of fans. With one of the smallest markets in baseball, they pulled in over 2,000,000 fans, or nearly the entire population of the Twin Cities. I don't think any other city can match that.))

We had a big bon-

We had a big bombshell dropped on us early in October. Frauke's boss announced that he had sold the 3 McDonald's stores he owns in Minnesota and was moving to a store in Phoenix, Arizona. The sale was effective November 1.

In all the plans we have made for the next few years, we had never considered relocation. After all, a McDonald's does not suddenly sprout legs and walk away. But this one did. Denny did not get along with the people at the regional office here, and he has a better chance at expanding in Arizona. He had been contemplating the move for nearly 2 years.

So now Frauke finds herself with a new company in charge of her store with the possibility of a job offer in Arizona in 6 months. Since she's not sure how she'll get along with the new company she's already looking into other restaurant opportunities here in Minnesota. And here I am just beginning a three year PhD program.

My studies would certainly be worse off in Arizona. Minnesota is in the top 5 schools in the country in Agricultural Economics and in the top 10 for Economics. No school in Arizona is in the top 50 for either field. They don't even teach Ag Econ at Arizona State; it's at the U of Arizona in Tucson, 100 miles from Phoenix. My career would be taking a back seat if we did move. We knew we'd eventually have to choose, but we were counting on concrete job offers for me so we could compare.

We don't even have many good reports about Phoenix. The two people I know that moved there hated it and left. No culture, they say, nothing to do. No music. Too many conservative rednecks. And we've all heard about the current governor of Arizona, though it seems he'll be out of office soon. (In fairness, I should mention that Cathy Ozog is from Phoenix and has told us nothing but good things about it. We'll certainly consult her if we do get an offer to move.)

So our world has just become a little less stable. We'll let you know how it turns out.

MUSIC REVIEWS

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As a student of popular music, it is imperative that I have the proper equipment with which to enjoy the product. I have a 7 mile commute to school, and I spend this valuable time evaluating the latest the pop singers have to offer. So the proper car stereo is crucial. I have recently obtained the perfect system. A no-name radio made in China, \$27 at Best Buy. 8 watts of distorted sound, no presets, no tone control. This is the way pop music was meant to be heard, and if any local gang member is hoping to steal it to trade for cocaine, he will be sadly disappointed.

One album that knocked us off our feet was Warren Zevon's Sentimental Hygeine. It's brilliant, it's funny, it's sad, it's true. We liked it so much we sent our copy to Germany as a present, and don't have a copy of our own at the moment. We'll have to get it again so I can record it to play in my tin can of a car stereo. Very few records impress me first time around. This one did.

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((The names in the following report have been left unchanged to totally embarrass those involved.))

As Frauke and I lurch into the middle class, we often kid ourselves that we are satisfied with our current lifestyle. There's nothing more we really want. We're happy with where

we live. We don't aspire to a new house in the suburbs. Neither of us enjoys new clothes. Our furniture is functional. We're satisfied with 1 1/2 incomes, and once I start working and Frauke makes more money, all of that will be going in the bank.

Except for one thing. Our one weakness. Cars. We love them, and even give them names. Our friends think we're crazy when we talk about Hasi and Steffi like they were pets or something.

Niether of us is very mechanically inclined. I did keep our first car, a 5 year old VW Rabbit (Hasi) with 100,000 miles, running for a year with the help of an idiot's guide, but I didn't enjoy it, and it was mostly dumb luck. We once ruined the oil pan on a car by ruining the threads on the drain plug. I was totally confounded by the VW Bug (Kaefer) I owned for a few months, which required frequent tuning and oil changes.

We are not very savvy shoppers when it comes to cars either. We'll become totally enchanted with a car, and decide before starting to bargain that we absolutely cannot do without it. We've never gotten a really good deal on a car, but since we get stars in our eyes when we buy one, we're never that unhappy. At least we share the same weakness, and when we realize that we couldn't really afford the car to begin with, we can't blame each other.

Anyway, when I found I didn't really enjoy working on my Bug every week, and when I first got my university assistantship, I bought a Yugo (named simply Yugo). Please don't laugh, I've heard it all already. For commuting, it's great. It has its quirks, to be sure. All the controls seem to turn the wrong direction, the transmission is sticky, and it's cramped as a sardine can. But for us Yugos are worth the \$3990 they advertise it for. Unfortunately, you'll never find one for that price. We got hosed on the deal, I'll admit that, but I've been happy with car.

This summer, however, Frauke fell in love. It was all Viktor's fault. He's an engineer who emigrated here from Hungary. His girlfriend Gabby is one of Frauke's assistants. (I should include a warning here to never play Monopoly with Hungarian immigrants. They've taken so many risks to get to the US, playing for blood is second nature to them.) He showed Frauke his new Ford Escort GT, and she was hooked. It's a souped up Escort; small, sporty, and fast. She just had to have one. She had to break her vow to buy only German cars, but she convinced herself that since the Escort was designed in Cologne, it is German in its heart. Within two days, she had the Mercury version, a Lynx XR3 (Steffi, after the tennis player). (I cannot plead innocence in this transaction. I did sign the purchase agreement and arrange the loan at the credit union.)

However, she still had her old car, the '85 VW Golf (Hasi, again) that was running perfectly well. This Hasi was our first new car, and we felt some attachment to it. We thought we would keep it, and sell the nearly new Yugo. We'd have to take a big loss on the loan to do it, but we willing to take it. We advertised it, and waited. And waited. For six weeks, we kept dropping the price and kept on waiting. That's when we heard all the laughs. A Yugo that new, something must be wrong with it. We never got a serious offer on it. Meanwhile we were making payments and insuring an extra car we didn't want.

Meanwhile, 4 weeks after she bought Steffi, disaster struck. Frauke backed into a pillar at a parking ramp, ruining the back end. She took it to the dealer to be repaired and was treated in utter contempt. (I guess Mercury dealers think anyone who can't afford a Lincoln Town Car is not worth the bother.) Ford took 6 weeks to deliver a new spoiler. To top it off, our insurance company was very reluctant to pay the claim. We hadn't been prompt in adding Steffi to our policy, and since we hadn't sold Yugo, Steffi was technically not a replacement car. We nearly got stuck with the \$1200 bill.

We had finally lowered the price on Yugo to \$1500 below the balance on the loan when I decided I had had enough. I cleaned up Hasi, advertised it, and sold it for our asking price within 3 days. A guy drove 250 miles from the Iron Range to buy it. He had wanted a diesel, and VW doesn't have new ones in stock.

So now everything has worked out. Steffi is fixed, though it still idles erratically. Yugo is running just fine. We

won't be tempted again anytime soon. Frauke has renewed her vow to never buy an American car. She already has her eye on her dream car. She says it begins with B, ends with W, and has M in the middle. She already has its name picked out.

UNITED HOCKEY DRAFT

This will be just like K-ZINE's draft, in fact I copied all these values from there. A few players have given ages and skill levels, these can play at these levels immediately. Most of them are rookies with chances to attain different skill levels from 0 to 6 after playing four games at SL 0. For example, #2 G r 30:1/30:3/40:5 has 30% chance of being a 1, 30% chance of being a 3, and 40% chance of being a 5. There are three rounds to the draft, first round costs \$400K, second round costs \$300K, and third round costs \$200K. Teams may choose not to draft if they wish. These rookies do not count against the three rookie limit.

Order for the first round is: 1:Keys 2:Timberwolves(F/X)
3:Lords 4:Conejos 5:Niceguys 6:S.O.C.K 7:Cochons, 8:Vegies
9:Rockies 10:MOPAC. New teams will be allowed to draft
beginning in the second round. First round draft picks are
due December 5, 1987.

1.	G	III	6		17.	F	r	25:1/45:4/30:5
2.	G	r	30:1/30:3/40:5		18.	F	r	35:2/35:3/30:5
3.	G	r	40:2/40:4/20:6		19.	F	IV	5
4.	G	r	10:0/10:1/20:2/30:4/30:5		20.	F	r	60:2/40:6
5.	G	r	20:0/20:2/30:4/30:5		21.	D	III	7
6.	G	r	30:1/45:3/25:6		22.	D	r	2
7.	G	r	25:1/25:3/25:25:4/25:5		23.	D	r	20:1/40:3/40:5
8.	G	r	40:2/60:4		24.	D	r	45:2/35:3/20:5
9.	G	r	50:1/50:5		25.	D	r	20:0/40:2/40:5
10.	G	r	15:2/30:3/30:4/40:5		26.	D	r	45:1/55:5
11.	F	r	2		27.	D	r	10:1/20:2/30:3
12.	F	r	50:3/50:4					20:4/20:5
13.	F	r	50:0/50:6		28.	D	r	10:0/15:1/40:3
14.	F	r	25:0/50:3/25:6					35:5
15.	F	r	40:2/20:4/40:6		29.	D	r	75:3/25:5
16.	F	r	50:1/25:4/25:6		30.	D	r	50:2/25:4/25:6

PRE-SEASON COACHING

To help teams with extra VPs from last season, we'll have a round of coaching before next season. This will be a regular coaching round under limits from last season. That is, any non-rookie who has not already been coached 3 levels and any rookie may be raised one level. Any VPs left over will be carried over into next season. Deadline for this coaching round is December 5, 1987.

FINAL CHANGES FOR HOCKEY RULES

After receiving comments on the proposed rules in last issue, I've written a final version. I've written a packet that I'm sending to all United players in North America. Anyone else can get it for just asking. Here's a summary of the changes from the rules.

PENALTIES/POWER PLAYS: Bryce Allen wrote "Most NHL clubs live and die by these, and I don't feel your current rules capture this aspect as greatly as they could. Why not allow players to designate Power-play specialists (PP) and Penalty-killers (PK) on their rosters, with each category being mutually exclusive, to encourage roster "depth". (PPs must consist of 3 FWs and 2 DFs, PKs of 2 FWs and 2 DFs.) The total of PP vs PK cab be compared each time there is a penalty... adding the throw of a six-sided dice to PP and the throw of a four-sided die to PK."

ROOKIES: The draft is described above. The rules for rookie goaltenders has been loosened, since everyone needs a new goalie sometime.

There are also a few formula changes. I decided not to implement the ideas on injuries and two goaltenders.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining, let me know. The new season will begin on December 5, and people may join until January 9, 1988 as long as spots are open.

This issue is finally done! Hopefully someday I will learn to type most of it before the Dip deadlines!

MIST COUNTY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION SESSION IX
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	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA	DIF	VP	\$K	
1	1xMOPAC	25	2	0	50	217	120	97	4	839
2	2xROCKIES	20	7	0	40	203	136	67	12.5	2025
3	3xVEGETABLES	19	8	0	38	332	193	139	4	1320
4	4 COCHONS	15	11	1	31	189	138	51	18	1085
5	5xS.O.C.K.	12	13	2	26	109	132	-23	4	1125
6	6xNICEGUYS	10	14	3	23	159	135	24	3	1270
7	7xCONEJOS	10	17	0	20	238	243	-5	8	1700
8	8 LORDS	8	17	2	18	122	146	-24	13.5	1530
9	9xF/X	7	19	1	15	174	242	-68	3.5	343
10	1010xHA HA KEYS	4	22	1	9	243	496	-253	2.5	781
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Deadline for PLAYOFFS is OCTOBER 25, 1987, no early bird. CONEJOS, COCHONS & LORDS NMR'd. COCHONS and LORDS are removed from playoffs. F/X, NICEGUYS, and SOCK got the early bird VP. SOCK and MOPAC were fined \$30K for improper lineups. Lottery number was 45, no one won.

YES, WE WILL RUN ANOTHER SEASON! Openings are available for 16 teams. Gamefee is \$6 plus a sub to BIG HITS (about 35 cents per issue). The new season should begin in October or November. MOPAC, ROCKIES, VEGETABLES, NICEGUYS, and F/X will be returning next season. You have the option of keeping you present team with aging, taking over an abandoned team (COCHONS, LORDS, SOCK, and KEYS are available), or starting an expansion team.

SESSION IX RESULTS

VEGIES 11	COCHONS 6
Broccoli, Cabbage, Celery, Fortes-3, Moutinho-2,	
Corn, Eggplant-2, Mattingly, Toivonen	
Okra, Spinach-3	
pen-1: Okra	pen-0:
88 shots	34 + 1pp shots
*****	*****
F/X 4	S.O.C.K. 6
Floyd, Lorre, Lugosi, Rains	Batman, Mr. Ed, Robin, Underdog-2, Wilbur-en
pen-1: Spielberg	pen-0:
65 shots	57 shots
*****	*****
MOPAC 6	LORDS 0
Atchison, Benton, Bland-3, Clark	
pen-1: Cockrell	pen-0:
82 shots	13 shots
*****	*****
CONEJOS 1	ROCKIES 8
Marti	Canute-2, Ceawlin, Cerdic, Offa-2, Penda-2
pen-1: Bishop	pen-1: Elder
7 + 1pp shots	39 + 1pp shots
*****	*****
NICEGUYS 13	KEYS 5
Czech, Forcer-2, Frost-3, Humfrey, Murphy-3, Roognd	
Hands-2, Heart-pp, Numnose, Passer, Perthermia-2	
pen-0:	pen-1: Crunch
53 + 2pp shots	27 shots
*****	*****
COCHONS 3	NICEGUYS 1
Fortes-2, Moutinho	Passer
pen-1: Harjanne	pen-6: Bony, Heart-2, Perthermia, Wind-2
14 + 6pp shots	38 + 2pp shots
*****	*****
VEGIES 9	S.O.C.K. 2
Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery-2, Corn, Eggplant, Hawkins, Okra, Spinach	Barsinister, Robin
pen-0:	pen-1: GI Joe
107 + 3pp shots	40 shots
*****	*****

MOPAC 10	CONEJOS 8
Atchison, Benton-2+en, Blair, Bland-2, Cockrell-2, Crittenden	Fonseca, Guevara, Marti, Paz, Sandino-4
pen-0:	pen-0:
68 shots	43 shots
*****	*****
LORDS 0	ROCKIES 7
Aethelbert, Canute, Ceawlin, Martyr, Penda-3	
pen-1: McGregor	pen-2 AEile, Aethelbert
2 + 2pp shots	53 + 1pp shots
*****	*****
KEYS 8	F/X-14
Chester-2, Dor, Humphrey-3, Roognd-2	Chaney-2, Floyd-3+2pp, Karloff-2, Lugosi-2, Peckinpaw, Rains, Spielberg
pen-5: Humphrey-2, Roognd, Snortimer-2	pen-0:
49 shots	66 + 18pp shots
*****	*****
MOPAC 16	F/X-12
Atchison-2, Benton-2, Bland-4, Chaney-4, Floyd-2, Karloff-2, Clark-2, Cockrell-4, Crittenden, Marmaduke	Lorre, Lugosi-2, Rains
pen-0:	pen-2: Spielberg, Warhol
87 + 2pp shots	52 shots
*****	*****
NICEGUYS 1	CONEJOS 4
Down	Davario-pp, Marti, Rodriguez-2
pen-4: Down, Hands, Perth-2	pen-1: Fonseca
33 + 1pp shots	18 + 5pp shots
*****	*****
S.O.C.K. 1	ROCKIES 11
Purebred	Aethelbert-2, Canute, Cerdic-4, Elder, Martyr, Offa-2
pen-2: GI Joe-2	pen-0:
12 shots	65 + 4pp shots
*****	*****
LORDS 1	VEGIES 6
Fayol	Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery, Corn, Radish, Spinach
pen-1: Hergberg	pen-0:
6 shots	105 + 5pp shots
*****	*****
COCHONS 9	KEYS 10 (overtime)
Fortes-3, Harjanne, Moutinho, Sabi-3, Toivonen	Crombie, Dor, Humphrey-2, Murphy-2, Roognd-3+ot
pen-0:	pen-2: Crunch-2
50 + 4pp + 3ot shots	50 + 5ot shots
*****	*****

PLAYOFF MATCHUPS (with seeds)

blue division	game 1	game 2
1-MOPAC vs 8-KEYS	at MO	at KEYS
4-SOCK vs 5-NICEGUYS	at SOCK	at NICE

red division	
2-ROCKIES vs 7-F/X	at ROCK
3-VEGIES vs 6-CONEJOS	at VEG

playoffs are best two of three games

GETTING READY FOR NEXT SEASON

Enclosed for current players are your rosters with aging for next season. If you want to rename your team and players, now is the time to do it. (Please use the old names in the playoffs, though.)

To help those teams with extra VPs due to NMRs, any player may be coached an extra level before next season. This will count in Season 1's 3-SL-per-season coaching limit. Hopefully this will also encourage someone to take over the Cochons, the best of the abandoned teams.

I'm not sure yet how to arrange the two divisions next season. Putting the top teams in one division means all current players will be together. However, creating two equal divisions means teams like MOPAC, VEGIES, and ROCKIES will really kick butt against the new teams. If you have any preference, let me know.